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COD CATCH OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

TOTAL FACTS, FIGURES AND RESUME OF THE GREAT SEASON OF 1911.

The success of the Newfoundland salt cod fishery for 1911 is authoritatively told in the following extract from the St. John's N. F., Trade Review:

The shore fishery opened well, and continued good during the caplin school, but in the early squid school the spurt slackened. However, in September the prospects looked up, and the fall fishery continued till very late, and was the most successful for many years. A feature of the shore fishery this year was the fine voyages landed in Trinity and Conception Bays where there had been practically nothing doing for years. As far as figures are available, we estimate the shore catch this year at 700,000 quintals. The price for talqual (and most of the voyage was sold at talqual) reached from \$5.00 in early August, to \$6.80 before the catch was disposed of, but as most of the fish was caught late, and sold late, it is safe to put the average at \$6.00 per quintal, which gives a value of \$4,200,000. This does not include the fish shipped in salt bulk from the west and south coasts, which amounted to roundly 6,000,000 lbs., or a money value of \$180,000.00. This gives a total value for the shore catch for 1911 of 4,380,000. The Labrador catch, while a great improvement on that of the year before, was not up to the old time average. The number of quintals shipped from the coast was 161,043 quintals. As near as we can figure it, there were about 240,000 quintals brought from the coast to Newfoundland, which would give a total catch for Labrador of 400,000 quintals. Taking it all round, we compute the fish at \$4.50 per qtl., thus making the value of the catch \$1,800,000. This gives shore and Labrador a combined value of \$6,180,000. To this must be added the value of the Bank fishery, which was approximately 150,000 qtls., worth \$6.00 per qtl., or \$900,000, this rounds out a grand total value of \$7,080,000 for the Shore, Labrador, and Bank fishery in Newfoundland last year. In view of the growth of the salt-bulk trade on the south and west coasts, the detail of the Bank fishery for the year may not be uninteresting. We find that there were 122 vessels engaged in the Newfoundland Bank fishery during 1911, aggregating 8,281 tons, and carrying 1,924 men. These vessels cleared as follows: 30 from Grand Bank, 28 from Burin, 15 from Bellefleur, 14 from Harbor Breton, 8 from St. Jacques, 7 from Fortune, 6 from Stone's Cove, 5 from Marystown, 4 from Catalina, and 1 each from Burgeo, Ramea, Garnish, St. Lawrence, and Heart's Content; they tallied out exactly 149,024 qtls., or roundly, 150,000 qtls. as computed above. The average catch per vessel was 1,228 qtls., and per man 78 qtls. This is slightly under the figures of 1910, when the vessels averaged 1,430 qtls., and the men 93 qtls.

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HAD A CONFERENCE

BOSTON AND GLOUCESTER ANTI-BEAM TRAWLING COMMITTEE TALKED.

A meeting of the local anti-beam trawling committee and the committee appointed in behalf of the Boston interests was held at the office of John Nagle & Company in Boston yesterday afternoon.

Matters are working along nicely and the committees are getting down to work, so as to be fortified with some very forcible arguments when they appear before the committee in Washington. Various plans and suggestions were offered which were taken under advisement and considerable enthusiasm and interest was manifested, while most optimistic hopes for success were entertained.

Capt. H. Dexter Malone, Capt. George Nelson and Capt. Leander Costa have been appointed a finance committee on behalf of the Boston committee.

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HADDOCK ARE DOWN AGAIN.

SCH. VALERIA AT T WHARF THIS MORNING WITH 100,000 POUNDS.

Fancy fares still continue to be brought in by the off shore haddock fleet, sch. Valeria, Capt. Wallace Bruce, being at Boston today with 103,000 pounds, chiefly haddock.

Other large fares are schs. Mary F. Curtis, 50,000 pounds; Effie M. Prior, 60,000 pounds, Onato, 63,000 pounds and Slade Gorton, 63,000 pounds.

Haddock sales dropped again and sold from \$1.25 to \$3 a hundred weight, large cod sold at \$5, markets, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$6; cusk, \$2.75 and pollock, \$3.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 45,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Actor, 2000 haddock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Valeria, 100,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, 55,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Onato, 55,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$6; cusk, \$2.75; pollock, \$3.

FISH NUMBERED BY COLD.

Thousands Found Floating on Surface Near Galveston, Texas.

According to the Houston, Tex., "Post," the cold wave has affected the fish near Galveston. Thousands, numbered by the intense cold, were found floating near the surface of the water during the early part of the week. Hundreds of sharks and porpoises are gorging themselves, and fishermen are making hauls with no more trouble than waiting in skiffs until the fish float by then picking them out of the water with dip nets. Near the causeway, at Anderson's on the west end of the island and all along West Bay the same condition obtained. San Luis Pass reported that the waters in that vicinity were so filled with fish that their floating bodies resembled drift wood.

AT VANCOUVER, B. C.

Clam Cannery in Full Operation and Winter Whaling To Be Tried.

The Canadian North Pacific Fisheries Co. will make an experiment at its Naden Harbor station to see if winter whaling will prove practicable and profitable.

A clam cannery, a new industry at Nanaimo is daily turning out about 75 cases, employing about 25 persons in packing clams in addition to those digging them. The firm has contracts with wholesale houses in Washington, and will also pack fruit and vegetables.

Sealers Making Ready.

Word from St. John's says that the ships of the sealing fleet are being prepared for the annual fishery, which begins on March 11th. There will be upwards of 25 ships go to "the ice" this spring and the majority of them will be fitted with wireless telegraphy. The veteran hunters look for a banner catch this season, conditions, they say, being almost perfect. The seals will come down from the north on the early ice floes and the young will be whelped within easy striking distance of the ships.

KEEPS OUT SEINERS.

So \$9000 Is Asked For To Make Repairs On the Lexington.

The recommendation of the chief of the district police for an appropriation of \$9000 for maintaining the state steamer Lexington was unopposed at a hearing given by the House ways and means committee.

William H. Proctor, captain of the boat, told the committee that since the boat had been maintained the porgy steamers had not set a net in Buzzard's bay, but had been constantly on hand all through the season at the entrances to the bay waiting for an opportunity to get in and set their seines. He believed if the law is to be enforced a steamer must be maintained there.

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A DELICACY IN CHINA.

British Columbia Herring at \$40 Per Ton Are So Regarded.

British Columbia herring are regarded as a great delicacy by the Chinese and sell in China at from \$30 to \$40 per ton. The business will continue to grow. Seasoned herring fishermen predict a most successful season in Vancouver Island waters. Camps are now being installed at Nanaimo, and preparations for the first run are being made. Optimistic predictions are based on the fact that many whales have been sighted in the Gulf of Georgia, the opinion prevailing that the whales will drive the herring into shallow waters, where they can be taken easily. Last year the herring season was not all that could have been expected, only 9500 tons of smoked fish, 25 per cent. of the usual amount, being produced. All accounts agree there is an unlimited market for British Columbia herring in the Orient.

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ONLY FEW SHORE BOATS ARE IN.

NORTHEAST SNOW STORM SENDS PRICES UP ON FARES AT T WHARF.

Receipts of fresh fish at T wharf this morning showed quite a falling off from those of the past few days, only six of the shore fleet being at the dock.

Saturday is generally a pretty quiet day for the fish trade and the market today is active and prices well advanced. Shore haddock sold at \$3.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$6.50, markets, \$4.50, pollock, \$3 and hake, \$4.50 to \$6.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Jeanette, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Jorgina, 14,000 haddock.

Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 4500 haddock, 200 cod, 300 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 6500 haddock, 400 cod, 1400 hake.

Sch. Valentinna, 4200 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6.50; market cod, \$4.50; pollock, \$3; hake, \$4.50 to \$6.50.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.87 1-2.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

Bank halibut, 19 1-2 c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

The Fiona at St. John's, N. F.

The cruiser Fiona, Capt. English, arrived at St. John's, N. F., last Tuesday afternoon. The cruiser has been engaged during the past two months in the fishery protection service. Up to the end of the year she was in the vicinity of Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay while the herringers were there, after which she was employed in cruising around Fortune and Placentia Bays.

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GILL NETTERS HAD GOOD DAY

FOUR MORE OF BAY OF ISLANDS FLEET ARE HOME.

Three more of the Newfoundland herring fleet that narrowly escaped being frozen in at the Bay of Islands are home with full cargoes of salt and frozen herring, schs. Arthur James, Oriole and Essex.

Sch. Oregon is also in port with a cargo of 210,000 pounds of salt cod, from Lark Harbor.

The fleet of gill netters did well yesterday, several bringing in large fares. Owing to the heavy snow storm this morning, none of the boats got out.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Oregon Lark Harbor, N. F., Bay of Islands, 210,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Arthur James, Bay of Islands, N. F., 400 bbls. salt herring, 85 bbls. pickled herring, 650 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Oriole, Bay of Islands, N. F., 130 bbls. pickled herring, 1200 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Essex, Bay of Islands, N. F., 400 bbls. salt herring, 600 bbls. pickled herring, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.

Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Pontiac, Alert, Evelyn Thompson, Ingomar, Manhasset and Senator Gardner arrived at Liverpool, N. S., last Wednesday and cleared this same day.

The British sch. Argenia arrived at Halifax from Port au Basques, N. F., Wednesday, with 38,000 pounds of frozen herring.

Portland Fish Notes.

Not a fishing vessel was to be seen Thursday afternoon at either Commercial or Central wharves, Portland, the whole fleet being out on the grounds, and it is thought must have got in a good day's work as none of them had returned at sunset. The Portland market is almost bare of fish.

Big Week at T Wharf.

A total of 88 fares, aggregating 2,960,650 pounds of fresh ground fish were landed at Boston for the week ending January 26, against 104 arrivals with 2,247,200 pounds for the same period in 1911.

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The Biggest Ever.

In a letter from Capt. Frank Cooney to his son, Anthony Cooney received recently, Capt. Cooney gives further details of the big fare, which he landed there in the sch. Mary E. Cooney, formerly of this port. The craft realized \$1800 stock as the result of the trip, which is \$275 greater than the largest trip previously landed.

Sold at the Fort.

The big fare of fresh fish of sch. Ingomar sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

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HAS BIG TRIP OF FRESH FISH

SCH. INGOMAR FROM THE CAPE
SHORE BRINGS 95,000
POUNDS.

Most of the ice-bound herring fleet at Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay that escaped being frozen in, are now at home, five more of the fleet having arrived since yesterday.

They are schs. Alert, Senator Gardner and Athlete from the Bay of Islands and T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport and Maxine Elliott, both from Bonne Bay, all of whom bring full cargoes.

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Daniel McDonald, arrived from The Gully, Saturday noon, with a halibut fare, and this morning the Ingomar from the Cape Shore is here with 95,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The fleet of gill netters were tied up in port Saturday, and yesterday only the steamers got out. This morning the entire fleet got underway.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. T. M. Nicholson, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1000 lbs. salt frozen herring, 125 bbls. salt herring, 8 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Alert, Bay of Islands, N. F., 600 bbls. frozen herring, 400 bbls. salt herring, 140 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Bay of Islands, N. F., 585 bbls. pickled herring, 620 bbls. salt herring, 16,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Bonne Bay, N. F., 800 bbls. frozen herring, 175 bbls. salt herring, 3 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Athlete, Bay of Islands, N. F., 100 bbls. pickled herring, 500 bbls. frozen herring 500 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Catherine Burke, The Gully, 31,000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 95,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Margaret D, gill netting, 8700 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Flavilla, shore.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Jorgina, shore.

Sch. Jeanette, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.

Sch. Rebecca, Boston.

Sch. Little Fannie, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, Boston.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, Boston.

Sch. Harriet, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Eva L. Spurling, haddocking.

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PLENTY OF FISH AT THE OPENING.

MANY OFF SHORES AND ONE
HALIBUTER AT T
WHARF.

T wharf dealers started off this morning with plenty of fresh fish for the opening trade of the week with 17 arrivals at the dock, the greater part of which are from off shore.

Included in the fleet are three of the beam trawlers, the Ripple with 46,000 pounds, Crest, 57,000 pounds and Foam, 56,000 pounds. Other large fares are schs. Virginia, 48,000 pounds, Morning Star, 57,000 pounds, Esperanto, 76,000 pounds, Robert and Arthur 55,000 pounds, Richard, 48,000 pounds, Lizzie M. Stanley, 50,000 pounds and Pontiac 70,000 pounds.

Sch. Teazer had 28,000 pounds of halibut besides 35,000 pounds of cusk and 6000 pounds of salt cod, as the result of which her captain and crew will realize a fine stock.

Haddock sold from \$1.35 to \$3.60 a hundred, large cod, \$3 to \$6, markets, \$2 to \$4, pollock, \$3 to \$4, cusk, \$3 to \$3.50 and halibut, 16 cents for white and 11 cents for gray.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Str. Ripple, 45,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Str. Crest, 50,000 haddock, 2700 cod.

Sch. Teazer, 6000 lbs. salt cod, 35,000 cusk, 28,000 halibut

Sch. Virginia, 45,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 55,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Esperanto, 70,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 55,000 haddock.

Sch. Richard, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake, 2500 cusk.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 40,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Mina Swim, 28,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 8500 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Alice, 8000 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Rebecca, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 7500 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Azorean, 1000 haddock, 1600 cod.

Str. Foam, 53,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 50,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Haddock, \$1.35 to \$3.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$6; market cod, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$6.50; cusk, \$3 to \$3.50; halibut, 16 cents per lb. for white, 11 cents per lb. for gray.

WILL HAVE GASOLINER.

Capt. Colin Nickerson To Have One Built at Shelburne, N. S.

Capt. Colin C. Nickerson of Woods Harbor was at Shelburne, N. S., recently, with a model of a 22-foot gasoline boat which will be built by the McAlpine shop there. Other orders for boats of same size are in, and Mr. McAlpine reports many enquiries for crafts of like dimensions.

Capt. Nickerson is well known at this port, having fished out of here and T dock for a number of years.

NEW FISHING STEAMER.

For Capt. Sam Hatch Is Being Built at Boothbay Harbor, Me.

The keel of a 60-foot steamer from designs by Lawley, has been laid down at Adams yard, Boothbay, for Capt. Samuel Hatch, who last summer commanded the sch. Arabia of this port, seining. The steamer, which will be christened the Sam and Priscilla, will be 14 feet beam and seven feet depth of hold and will be equipped with a gasoline engine of 55 horse power. She will be ready for service in April.

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WILL GO OUT OF SHELBURNE.

CAPT CHARLES RUDOLPH HAS
SAILED FROM GLOUCESTER
FOR 40 YEARS.

Capt. Charles Rudolph of Pubnico, N. S., one of the best known skippers that has sailed from this port, is on a visit to Lockeport, N. S., in connection with the vessel building now under construction at Allen's shipyard.

Capt. Rudolph has been sailing from this port for the past 40 years, and has had a fine record. He is going to engage in the Shelburne off-shore fishing business, and will command the new vessel of which he is part owner, Mr. William McMillan the well known merchant of Lockeport, will be the managing owner. The vessel is 85 feet long, and will register 65 tons.

Capt. Rudolph is a brother of Samuel Rudolph of Shelburne, and will probably remove from Pubnico to Shelburne or Lockeport.

There are good prospects for the building of a fine off-shore fishing business from Lockeport and vicinity, and men of Capt. Rudolph's stamp and experience will be highly valued.

IS EXTENDING ITS BUSINESS.

LANE & LIBBY FISH CO. BUY DIG-
BY PLANT AND WILL
ENLARGE.

The property and good will of the Little River Fishery Company at Little River, Digby Neck, Digby, N. S., has been purchased by the Lane, Libby Fish Company, of Vinal Haven, Me. Mr. Darrell Cheeney is in charge of the plant.

The company plans to erect a large new building and install an up-to-date canning and big fishing plant in the spring, in order to handle all kinds of fresh and salt fish, and will therefore employ a number of men throughout the entire year.

The firm will also ship glue stock to Eastport, sch. Fred & Norman, Capt. B. A. Cheeney, and other vessels, including a fleet of gasoline boats, will assist in procuring the fish, and the transportation of the exports.

This busy firm will prove a big addition to the growing village of Little River.

PORTLAND FISH NOTES.

Local Fleet Had a Hard Day and Many Fishermen Were Frostbitten.

As was expected, there was a big arrival of fish at Portland Friday for the lobster market. Though most of the fleet came in, none of the trips was very large. The following were the fares reported, Edmund F. Black, 4500; James and Esther, 10,000; Katie L. Palmer, 5000; Eva and Mildred, 8,000; and Albert D. Willard, 500, for the F. S. Willard Company; Fannie Hayden, 6000; Watauga, 4000; Fanny Reed, 4000; Bernie and Bessie, 3000; Lochinvar, 12,000; Mary E. Sennett, 4000; A. P. Parkhurst, 2500; and Minerva, 3000, for the Commercial wharf dealers.

The crews report one of the most uncomfortable days they ever experienced on the fishing grounds, and any one looking at the boats can readily believe them. They report the weather outside as intensely cold, a choppy sea running, and a thick vapor arising from the water making it impossible to see anything more than 100 yards or so from the vessels. The crews suffered severely while engaged in pulling their trawls, and one poor fellow, Gordon Nickerson of the sch. Edmund F. Black, had both hands badly frost-bitten and was taken to the Marine Hospital as soon as the vessel came into port. The same schooner was obliged to leave seven tubs of gear on the fishing grounds, but will go out today in hopes of finding them.

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WAS DRIVEN TO THE GULF STREAM.

Sch. Catherine Burke
Got Big Fare Under
Adverse Conditions

Sea Broke the
Dories and One Was
Used to Repair Others.

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Daniel McDonald, of the fresh halibut fleet which arrived here Saturday noon brings a tale of one of the most thrilling experiences of the winter during the recent gales which swept the banks.

It was about the worst weather that Capt. McDonald has ever encountered with a succession of gales and bad weather most of the time out, while the intense cold which froze the deck and rigging into a solid coating of ice, greatly interfered with fishing operations.

In spite of these drawbacks, Capt. McDonald managed to make three sets and secured a fare of 31,000 pounds of halibut, which was readily disposed of Saturday afternoon to the New England Halibut Company at 16 cents a pound for white and 11 cents a pound for gray.

This is Capt. McDonald's first trip in the Catherine Burke, he having previously been in command of the wrecked sch. Mooween. The craft left here the first of the year, and Capt. McDonald headed her for the Gully, where there is generally good fishing, but an exceedingly dangerous locality, being but a few miles from the north east bar of Sable Island.

Soon after arriving there, bad weather set in, and day after day it blew a gale, so that the crew were unable to fish. Two weeks ago, during the big northwester, Capt. McDonald and his men had a thrilling experience, and one which perhaps they would not care to repeat. They had been laying several days in the Gully, unable to fish on account of the weather. Extreme cold added to their hardships and the craft was badly iced up. It was blowing a regular howling gale from the northwest, and the Burke was hove to under a double reef foresail and blown off on one tack for 53 hours.

The decks and rigging were coated with ice, and the craft resembled more the appearance of an iceberg than any thing else. The crew were kept busy chopping away the ice, but made little headway, while the craft drifted and drifted before the gale until she struck the Gulf stream. Here the warmer water had its effect and in a few hours the ice began to drop off hull and rigging and was easily shoveled from the deck.

The craft met with another mishap which for a time threatened to terminate the trip, when a heavy sea came on board and smashed one of the dories, besides damaging the others. Instead of giving up, Capt. McDonald got his crew busy with hammers, axes and saws they utilized pieces from the smashed dory and repaired the others, so that it was possible to continue the trip.

Notwithstanding the many set backs, Capt. McDonald managed to get back to the grounds and made three sets, securing his entire fare on those occasions.

In addition to her halibut fare, the craft had 8000 pounds of salt fish and 4000 pounds of fresh fish. The craft will make the splendid stock of about \$4000 as the result of the trip, a fine start on the new year.

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BIG SMELT FISHING.

On the ice on Sasanola Bay, Me. there are at present 150 smelt fishermen's camps. Clarence Carleton of Woolwich holds the record so far with a catch of 75 pounds in one day.